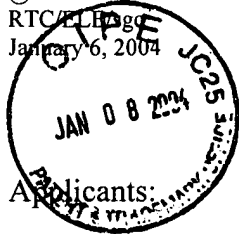


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- ☐ Copies of the cited references are enclosed except those entered in prior application, U.S. Application No. [], to which priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed. [The earlier application contains copies of the cited references.]
- ☒ References AF2, AJ2, and AL were cited in the enclosed Invitation to Pay Additional Fees that includes a Partial International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.
- ☒ The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for references AN, AO, AP, and AL2 under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:
- ☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
- ☐ the explanation provided in the Specification.
- ☐ submission of the enclosed International Search Report.
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☐ Applicant requests that the following non-published pending applications be considered:

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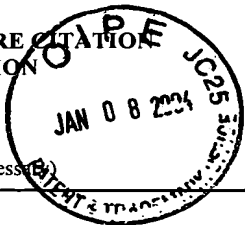
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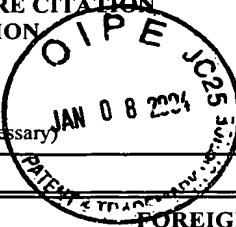
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